

MONTGOMERY COUNTY **EXECUTIVE REGULATION**

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Subject: Automation Enhancement Fee

Number 13-13

Originating Department: Department of Permitting Services

Effective Date July 1, 2013

Montgomery County Regulation on

ADOPTION OF AN AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENT FEE **DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES**

Issued by County Executive Regulation No. 13-13 COMCOR No. 08.24B.02

Authority: Montgomery County Code (2004) Section 8-13, 8-24, 8-25, 8-28, 17-2, 17-10, 17-20, 17-25, 17-27 19-6, 19-17, 19-30, 19-38, 19-45, 19-67, 22-13, 27A-5(e), 30-2, 30-11, 49-7, and 49-35 Supersedes Regulation 5-98

> Council Review: Method 2 under Code Section 2A-15 Register Vol. 30, Issue 9

> > Comment Deadline September 30, 2013 Sunset Date: None

SUMMARY: This regulation adopts an amended fee schedule to reduce the automation enhancement fee collected for the costs of automation and technology systems and services that support administrative and enforcement activities within the development process for which the department is responsible. This regulation reduces the automation enhancement fee from 10% of the regular permit or license fee to 5% of the regular fee.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The services and customer interactions relative to Department services are delivered through business processes that are technology supported and dependent. While the Department has made use of technology in connection with permits, inspections, accounting and reporting since before 1998, the Department is expanding its use of technology to include development, implementation and support



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for electronic plans and electronic permits filing, review, processing, management, and fee collection and for improved customer service.

COMCOR 08.24B.02 Adoption of an Automation Enhancement Fee

08.24B.02.01 Authorization

This regulation is adopted pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8-13, 8-24[B], 8-25, 8-28, 17-2, 17-10, 17-20, 17-25, 17-27, 19-6, 19-17, 19-30, 19-38, 19-45, 19-67, 22-13, 27A-5(e), 30-2, 30-11,[and] 49-7, and 49-35 of the Montgomery County Code, [1994] 2004 as amended, in order to [establish an] modify the automation enhancement fee for those administrative and enforcement activities within the development process for which the department is responsible. [The department has not in the past included in its fee schedule the cost it incurs for automation and computer enhancements and upgrades. The department is funded primarily through its schedule of fees for services rendered to its customers in an amount which covers the administration and enforcement costs.] It is appropriate to set an automation enhancement fee schedule at a rate which will ensure the department will be able to pay for the automation and computer systems and services.

08.24B.02.02 Fee Rates

The automation enhancement fee is [10%] 5% of the regular fee, which has already been set by council resolution or Executive Regulation previously approved, for any permit, license, or activity for which the department is responsible. The automation enhancement fee is an addition to the regular fee and must be paid at the same time that the regular fee is due to the department.

08.24B.02.03 Effective Date

This regulation [becomes] is retroactively effective on July 1, [1998] 2013.



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